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Federal Lands Highway
provides planning,
design, and engineering
services to support the
highways and bridges
that provide access to
and within federally
owned lands.



Eastern Federal Lands



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Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP)

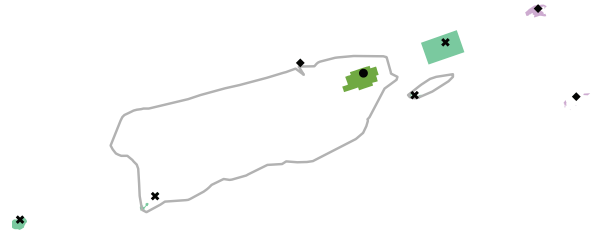
Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands



Puerto Rico FLHP

PR FLHP road miles: **65**
Funding Authorized FY 98 – 07: **\$1,150,000**
Federal land acreage as percentage of
total area: **1.4%***
PR population: **3,927,776**

- National Park Service (1 units)**
- U.S. Forest Service (1)**
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (5)**



* This percentage includes Federal lands that are not part
of the FLHP core program and not depicted on the map.

The Federal Lands Highway Program in

Puerto Rico. Located on the island of
Puerto Rico, the National Forest of El
Yunque is the sole tropical rain forest in
the National Forest System. The rain forest
is noted for its biodiversity; it is home to
thousands of native plants, including 150
fern species and 240 tree species. Each
year El Yunque welcomes about 600,000
visitors from all over the world. The
rugged Luquillo Mountains that rise to
3,533 feet above sea level comprise most
of the forest land. Their steep slopes can
receive annual rainfalls of over 200 inches.

In May 2005, the third landslide in one
year covered approximately 300 feet of
route PR9966, or Forest Highway 3, with
up to 25 feet of debris. The closure of the
route required a driving detour of approxi-
mately 45 minutes. Eastern Federal Lands
Highway Division (EFLHD) worked to
stabilize the uphill slope and improve
drainage to ensure future slope stability.
EFLHD cleared the debris and constructed



a 270 foot long, 17 foot high soldier pile
retaining wall and a 60 foot long, 18 foot
high gabion faced mechanically stabilized
earth headwall. Construction also included
drainage improvements, erosion control,
asphalt concrete paving, guardrail and
other work.